

3-07 [Permit for Food Handlers]

3-07.01 [Introductory Provisions]

3-07.01-10 [Purpose]

The purpose of this chapter is to help prevent the spread of communicable diseases in the City of Vernonia (City) by requiring food handlers to have a basic knowledge of sanitary principles and the proper procedures and practices involved in the preparation, handling and service of food.

3-07.01-20 [Definitions]

As used in this chapter, the following definitions apply:

- A. “Communicable Disease” means any disease that may be transferred from person to person or from food to person under the conditions encountered in a food service facility.
- B. “Department” means the Columbia County Health Department or other entity specifically designated by the City to provide public health or community health services to the citizens of Vernonia.
- C. “Employer” means any individual, sole proprietor, firm, partnership, corporation, company, joint stock association, fraternal, social or religious organization, or other legal entity, that owns, operates or manages a food service facility, that utilizes, employs or supervises food handlers.
- D. “Food” means any raw, cooked or processed edible substance, beverage or ingredient used or intended for use in whole, or in part, for human consumption.
- E. “Food Handler” means any person employed or working in, or applying for employment or work in, a food service facility, and any employer or imminent employer of such person, who prepares, handles or serves food. This definition includes temporary employees, part-time employees and volunteers who work in food service facilities.
- F. “Food Handler’s Permit” means a permit issued by the Oregon Health Authority indicating that the recipient has taken a class and passed an examination in the safe and sanitary preparation, handling and service of food.
- G. “Food Service Facility” means any place where food is prepared and intended for individual portion service, and includes the site at which individual portions are provided. The term includes any such place regardless of whether consumption is on or off the premises and regardless of whether there is a charge for the food. The term also includes delicatessen-type operations that prepare food intended for individual portion service. The term does not include private homes where food is prepared or served for individual family consumption, retail food stores, the location of food vending machines, and supply vehicles.
 - 1. The term includes “restaurants”, “temporary restaurants”, “limited service restaurants” and “bed and breakfast facilities” as those defined in ORS 624, Food Service Facilities.

2. Notwithstanding the exclusion stated in ORS 624.038(2), the term also includes school lunch rooms where food is prepared, handled or served for school and/or community activities.

3. The term does not apply to the following:

a. An establishment where food is prepared and served by a fraternal, social or religious organization only to its own members and guests;

b. A food product promotion where only a sample of a food or foods is offered to demonstrate the characteristics of the food product. For the purposes of this paragraph, a sample shall not include a meal, an individual hot dish or a whole sandwich;

c. A private residence, or part thereof, including the grounds, areas and facilities held out for the use of the occupants generally, for which a special retail beer or special retail wine license is issued under ORS 471.190 for a period not exceeding one (1) day.